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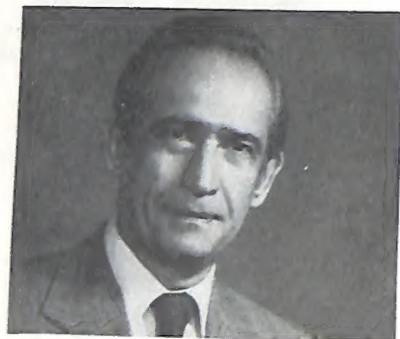


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# INTONING THE NAME OF GOD

— G.H. Chopourian



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Would intoning name of God assure success? Will saying prayers before commencing meetings lead to better results?

These questions arose in the minds of members of the Managers of Endowment Fund Committee of the AMAA when the practice of a corporation was reported to the membership by Dr. John Keuhnelian, a urological surgeon. More on that later.

The question of the success of the godly and the failure of the ungodly is lifted up strongly in the Book of Psalms. In Psalm one we read:

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly. . . But his delight is in the law of the Lord. . . He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water. . . whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so. . . The way of the ungodly shall perish."

"If so," retorts the intellectual, "why do evil men succeed — get rich, achieve positions of importance, and are even honored because of their power?"

Let's return to the story of the corporation in question. The name is ServiceMaster Industries, Inc. Is the second portion of the first name, Master, a reference to Jesus? I don't know, but the service company appears to reflect a desire to behave in Christlike ways. At the shareholders' meeting on May 6, 1983, the first order of business was the reading of the following Scripture from Roman 12 followed by prayer:

"We have a different work to do. So, we belong to each other, and each needs all the others. God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well. . . If your gift is that of serving others, serve them well. . . If God has given you administrative ability and put you in charge of the work of others, take the responsibility seriously. Those who offer comfort to

the sorrowing should do so with Christian cheer. Don't just pretend that you love others: really love them. Hate what is wrong. Stand on the side of the good. Love each other. . . and take delight in honoring each other. Never be lazy in your work but serve the Lord enthusiastically. Be glad for all God is planning for you.

"Let us pray. Our Father in heaven, giver of all good and perfect gifts, we thank you for the joy of life lived under your authority. Today we acknowledge that you are the One who has provided this business for us — for those of us who work in it, who invest in it, who are served by it, and who sell to it. We thank you for it. We pray today for those who are serving the schools, the offices, the industrial plants, the hospitals, those who represent us and who are unable to be here. We ask that you will make this a special day in their lives as they serve others in your name. We pray for guidance for our chairman and president as they speak to us and lead us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

There is more. ServiceMaster operates on the following objectives:

- TO HONOR GOD IN ALL WE DO
- TO HELP PEOPLE DEVELOP
- TO PURSUE EXCELLENCE
- TO GROW PROFITABLY

We don't believe God so strictly ordained that the good man will grow rich and the bad man poor, for he sends his sunshine upon the evil ones as well. Companies which do not open their shareholder meetings with prayers may succeed and they do. They do their business — homework well; they manage things knowledgeably; they pursue sound fiscal policies.

ServiceMaster has done very well. The shares of the company have split several times and an all-round success has been achieved. But is it because of prayer said at the annual meeting? This must be said strongly: God honors and will honor his word to bless those who are one in Him, But only if they are genuine in their faith, not counterfeits! Prayer alone won't do. Life will.

That is the mystery of God's blessings. When we are the real thing, not fakes or phonies, certain attitudes and charac-

teristics are developed which are the result of inspiration received through regular nurture received from God's Word. Sincerity, faithfulness, honesty, conscientiousness, dutifulness, sense of responsibility, servanthood, industriousness, enthusiasm are basic attitudes that are nurtured by obedience to scriptural counsel. Read Romans 12 again and you'll understand what we mean.

To paraphrase the Reformer Theologian Calvin's thought, "Even the meanest work may provide contentment if it is done with the consciousness that it is done for God."

It is really a refreshing notion that ServiceMaster Industries, Inc. intone the name of God, read Scripture and pray at the annual meetings. But, it is not because they name the name of God that they succeed. In other words, fiscal knowledge, business techniques, administrative abilities, proper management are absolute necessities for the success of any corporation or agency. But, when Christian attributes are added to those requirements, a **plus** dimension is added which certainly makes the difference. Pray hard, but be prepared in techniques; but more importantly in Christian attitudes.

## PLEASE BE KIND AND BRAVE. PROVIDE YOUR ADDRESS WHEN YOU WRITE

The AMAA office occasionally receives anonymous letters containing suggestions, advice and disapproval of some phase of the NEWS.

The staff obtains the feeling these anonymous writers do not wish to be on AMAA's mailing list. If such persons would give their names and addresses, we would be able to comply with their wishes.

## PLEASE

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# HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE IS DEDICATED TO THE SERVICE OF GOD AND MAN

## Commencement Address by Dr. Verne H. Fletcher

**Editor's Note:** In these last years, due to the civil war in Lebanon, it was frequently impossible for Haigazian College to hold formal commencement exercises. We are grateful, however, that this year, the Commencement Service of Haigazian College was held as planned, on Saturday, July 2, 1983, with Dr. Verne H. Fletcher, the newly appointed president of the College, delivering the commencement address. After extending his greetings to the honored guests, the graduating class and others in attendance, Dr. Fletcher delivered the following thought-provoking and timely address.

I should like to propose for your reflection this afternoon a proposition or perhaps we should call it a theorem, which is this:

Haigazian College is dedicated to the service of God — **and** to the service of man;

It is dedicated to the service of man **because** it is dedicated to the service of God;

Conclusion: God then must be on man's side; he must be **for** man.

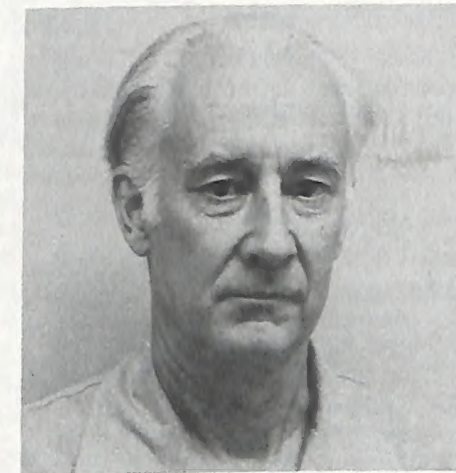
Now if you have done some reading in the history of religions you will immediately recognize that a God thus characterized — as concerned for the good of

humankind — is somewhat of an oddity in the pantheon of gods. With the exception of the monotheistic religions, the divine has never been conceived of as unambiguously **pro**-human. On the contrary, the gods were often blatantly **anti**-human.

When one of the Greek divinities, Prometheus by name, took an interest in the welfare of man and stole fire from heaven for man's use, Zeus, king of the gods, became insanely angry and had Prometheus bound to a rock on a Caucasian peak, there to be in perpetual torment while, at the same time, he vowed to destroy the existing race of men.

When not frankly hostile to man, the gods were usually indifferent, so absorbed were they in their own — one must say dubious — affairs they couldn't be bothered with mankind. Out of self-respect some of the deepest thinkers among the ancients were driven to atheism. Such was the Roman philosopher, Lucretius, who argued that, since the gods were vindictive, capricious and, by human standards, downright immoral, the only way for a man to live a decent and meaningful life was to deny the gods.

It is consequently with considerable surprise that one discovers a "humane" god, i.e. a god on man's side. For ex-



Verne H. Fletcher

ample, in the Bible, God is understood as one who takes particular delight in the creation of human beings, in his evolution and history, to such an extent that he develops a way of communicating with man, cares for him, disciplines him when he goes astray, and is filled with joy when he returns to the right path.

Likewise, in the Qu'ran, God guides man upon the way, guards him from the evil of the day and never forgets the creature he made like a potter fashioning a vessel from clay (55:14; 76:4,12). Listen to the extraordinary words of Surah 76: Hath there come upon man

## The Inspirational Corner

## GOD OR MONEY?

ously. I would say that if we were to take a state-wide poll, we would find that many of the population would be sitting down waiting for their number to be drawn. . . But, I guess you could say that this is quite typical of our lifestyle today. Everything we do is centered around money. Today it is difficult for Christians to follow their faith because our society is so money-driven. Don't be too impressed with the wealth of another person, because when he dies, he will be unable to take his wealth with him and his money will no longer do him any good. Be impressed with the worship of Jesus and let your faith make the wealth that comes from the worship of God, from calling on His Holy Name.

prayer, and from faith in Jesus Christ. Such wealth is far more enduring than the wealth that comes from the worship of money.

Today many people are worshiping the god-of-money much more than the God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. People are beginning to lose faith in our God because He may not give them everything they want. Consequently, they change their worship to the god-of-money, hoping that this god will fulfill their needs. . .

Next time you have a decision to make between God and money, think any good. Be impressed with the worship of Jesus and let your faith make the right decision for you.







## BENEFACTORS JOHN H. AND VICTORIA SHEEN



John H. Sheen and deceased wife, Victoria

John H. and Victoria Sheen, residents of Altadena, California, are unusually charitable people and have made some very beneficial arrangements for the welfare of Christian institutions and for people in need of care and education.

The Sheens have consistently refused to have the AMAA reveal publicly the extensive benevolent arrangements they have made. But, recently, the Executive Director of the AMAA was able to convince Mr. John Sheen to let him write a story, wherein some reflections could also be made about his beloved wife, Victoria, who died on February 28, 1983.

The Sheens are believing Christians. In fact, they were both looking forward to the "Rapture" at Christ's return who would take with Him all who had been saved in His blood. Victoria herself was a very sweet and loving creature as well as a caring and devoted wife, completely committed to making John happy and content to enable him to engage in his profession successfully. John himself was a great furniture manufacturer, having manufactured pulpits and pews for dozens of Christian Churches during his active working years. He has been retired for many years and spends his time these days beautifying his garden. Victoria, who began to feel weak some two years ago, knew of the tragedy that had hit her but she bravely faced the bad news of her imminent departure from her beloved husband stating that she was ready to commit herself to God's will.

After having provided adequately for members of their families, the couple decided to help many charitable causes and to that end established several trusts.

**A.** First, the couple established the Sheen Family Trust into which they placed \$140,000 and provided that the annual income of the Fund would be used for child education, evangelism, relief, and mission.

**B.** On the heels of the first arrangement, John and Victoria established a Charitable Uni-Trust pursuant to which they transferred to the AMAA valuable property they owned in Pasadena. The income from the rental of the property will revert to the Sheens during their lifetime and upon their demise the Board of Directors will be entitled to place the value of the Uni-Trust into the Sheen Family Fund. Income from the Uni-Trust will be distributed, at the discretion of the Board of Directors, to churches, schools, and institutions which the Sheens have listed with recommended ratios of distribution.

**C.** The Sheens have also established living Trusts, one in the value of \$20,000 to help a close relative with the annual income, and the other in the amount of \$60,000 with the income reverting to John Sheen during his lifetime, to two relatives at John's demise, and for placement of the principal into the Sheen Family Fund upon their demise.

**D.** The Sheens have also agreed to provide \$700,000 to the Sahag Mesrob Christian School of Pasadena to enable the recently established growing school to relocate in a new campus, with the principal finally accruing to the Sheen Family Fund at market value in the event the school is discontinued.

We have no doubt that the Lord blessed John Sheen because of his honest and fair dealings with people,

## ARAM ZIPPER ESTABLISHES LIVING TRUST

— G.H. Chopourian

Mr. Aram Zipper Mooshovian is a captivating man and a practical Christian. At his well-advanced age he continues to be creative and most interesting.

I received a message from the Reverend Bernard Guekguezian that Aram Zipper Mooshovian, known also as M.H. Aram, but more prominently as Mr. Zipper, wanted to see me. Consequently, I included in my itinerary a June 15 stop in Fresno to see Mr. Zipper. A group of children came up to the door, chanting "Uncle Aram." "What's the password?" he questioned them. With one voice, they responded: "Izkan-tcheli." Aram singlehandedly has taught that Armenian word to hundreds, particularly to members of clubs he belongs to.

I have a 58-page typed document before me, signed by Aram and Mr. Sam A. Suhler who had interviewed Aram on radio on behalf of the Oral History Program of the Fresno County Library. As guest of the Oral History Program Aram answered extensively the hundreds of questions put to him. His answers revealed he was born on March 15, 1895 in Harpoot. That makes him 88 years young and healthy. Dozens of anecdotes, such as the interesting story of his training at various jobs, his quick grasp of the Morse System in the Signal Corps and his participation in the fund-raising for and construction of the Armenian Old Age Home came into focus. He signed the transcript of the interview for the benefit of the public in these words: "By my signature, affixed below, I give my approval to this script as it now reads, for use by researchers at the Fresno County Free Library."

Just for flavor, here's a paragraph in answer to questions by Mr. Suhler, the interviewer, about his training as a tailor and his desire to sign up as a U.S. soldier:

and we are equally convinced that God will bless the fruits of his and his departed wife's labors to the glory of God and the service of human beings.

The Executive Director joins the Board of Directors to extend sincere sympathies to the Sheen families on the passing away of their wife and mother.



Aram (Zipper) Mooshovian, left, with Sam Suhler of the Oral History Program of the Fresno County library.

"First, I started janitor work at the J.&S Oleander store. And my brother George was a tailor, and time to time I would go and help my brother with his work, and have more jobs. And gradually I learned to be a tailor from my brother. . . . When the war started (World War I) my brother wanted me to enlist. . . . At one point, I want to tell you, that the day I was supposed to be going to train for the military was April 1st - April Fool's Day - Daylight Saving Time started, and I forgot to

change the time so I was one hour late. Everyone had gone to the train and I wasn't with them. So I went to the Courthouse and they told me, 'you're too late to run to the depot.' I ran and I was among the others."

In answer to the interviewer's remark: "But you almost got left because you were an hour behind time," Mr. Zipper stated: "That's a day I won't forget forever!" Mr. Zipper is a man who has ordered

his life systematically. Desirous of making sure that his charitable works may continue perpetually, he increased a Living Trust he had with the AMAA of \$20,000 to \$100,000 by providing two checks of \$40,000 each to be added to his Trust Fund. He will be receiving the annual income of his Living Trust throughout his life-time and at his demise the annual income will be used for five different projects that he has enumerated in a contractual agreement. The AMAA will be faithful in the investment of this money. While Aram was only receiving 5 or 5½ percent on his savings, the AMAA will be able to return at least twice as much yield on the principal of his Trust. Aram has also given generously to the AGBU, the Armenian Evangelical Union, especially for Armenian alphabet blocks, and many community charitable projects.

Aram, you make life interesting. You charm the neighborhood children with your capacity to teach them the password, "Izkan-tcheli;" you are yourself "Izkan-tcheli!" We in the AMAA circles - Board members, officers and staff - salute you and pledge to perpetuate your charitable wishes.

## NEST GRADUATES FOUR ARMENIAN STUDENTS



Near East School of Theology Graduates at Commencement Service. The Armenian students are (r. to l.) Krikor A. Youmshajekian, Arpine Mahshigian, Fr. Anoushavan Torkom Tanelian, from the Catholicosate of Antilias and Meguerditch Karakozian (2nd from left).

The Near East School of Theology of Beirut, Lebanon held its commencement service on Sunday, June 19, 1983. Four of the nine graduates were Armenians, namely, Krikor A. Youmshajekian, Arpine H. Mahshigian, Father Anoushavan Torkom Tanelian, all three earning Master of Divinity Degrees, and Meguerditch Karakozian, a Bachelor of Theology Degree.

It is most heartwarming to know that at present there are five more seminary students who are being trained at the

NEST for pastoral ministry in the Middle East.

Contrary to the prevailing opinion in some church circles, the ministerial candidates for the Armenian Evangelical Churches are on the rise in both number and quality of educational training. In the United States, we now have five ministerial candidates attending various theological schools in this country. Two AMAA supported seminary students in the United States who graduated in June 1983 with M. Div. degrees were



Our future leadership - the Armenian students of the Near East School of Theology with the Rev. Hagop Sagherian (4th from right), chairman of the Central Committee of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East.

Ron Tovmassian from Fuller Theological Seminary and Ara Guekguezian from Princeton Theological Seminary. These two young men are now ready to serve in our churches in the U.S. Within the next two years at least two more U.S. youth will be ready to enter into Pastoral ministry.



## LUTHER H. BOSNIAN OF CARMEL

— G.H. Chopourian



Luther Bosnian

It is a long way from Aintab of Turkish Armenia to Carmel in Monterey Bay for Aintab-born Luther Bosnian who resides at the Carmel Valley Manor. He is the only Armenian living in the Manor where there are some 150 private house units occupied by independent senior citizens with all their physical needs met by the condominium style corporation. For all I know, he may be the only Armenian in Carmel Valley itself.

About 600,000 or at the most one million Armenians in the United States are spread all over this country and those traveling extensively come across Armenians in unusual and quite often solitary places, similar to the case of Bosnian. When one considers that the land area in the United States is about three and one-half million square miles, a simple division would indicate that the density of Armenian population would be about 1 in every 5 square miles or 1 in every 3 square miles at the most.

In view of such dispersion, we believe visits and methods of communication with Armenians so spread out is a ministry. The Executive Director's visit to Mr. Luther S. Bosnian in mid-June as a matter of fact provided dual inspiration both to the host and guest.

Like all Armenians, Mr. Bosnian has a good story and a very interesting one.

Born before the 1896 massacres in Aintab, Luther reached the shores of this free country in 1911, just 3 years before the first World War. Having arrived in New Haven he attended Yale University between 1912-1916, obtaining his Bachelor Degree in Engineering. Asked why he immigrated, he explained, "My mother, who along with the family had witnessed numerous massacres of Armenians by the Turks, said firmly, 'Let us save at least one per-

son from the family, let him go to the United States.' She thus encouraged my immigration to the United States." Unfortunately, Luther's parents became victims of the 1915 massacres but another sister, Vahide, now deceased, was also saved by immigration to the United States. Her children, Jake and John Bosnian, live in Los Angeles currently.

His attitude towards work was willingness to work hard and readiness to be faithful to the employers, with a determination to give of his best. As a student he worked at jobs in the summer for 10 cents an hour, finally ending up in the Winchester factory which made shells for Russians. Continuing his search for a job in line with his Mechanical Engineering preparation, he was employed by Westinghouse. Between 1917 and 1920 he worked in the Engineering Corps of the United States Army, being discharged in 1920. After the war, he obtained a consultant position with Chain Belt Co. and was soon upgraded to a regular company position, specially because the President of Chain Belt Co. had learned that Luther would be leaving for another job. Luther worked at Chain Belt Co., which later became Rexnord, for 30 years, retiring in 1961. He was in charge of the manufacturing side of factory work but it was not very long before he became one of the company Directors. He was instrumental in building up the strength of the factory which manufactured guns: 105 Howitzers; 105 Long Toms (26-foot long barrel). In those days, Rexnord excelled companies like Westinghouse, General Electric and others.

He recalls how in those War days, he worked 7 days a week doing 2 out of 3 shifts each day. The pressure of the work ultimately brought him down with illness, but thank the Lord, his health was restored and he is enjoying his retirement. Reminiscing about the War days he says, "I hope we'll never see those days again." Luther was also instrumental in calling in 1948 or 1950 Bob Krikorian, another Yale man, to serve in the company. Mr. Krikorian is now the President of Rexnord.

Mr. Bosnian is a member of the Milwaukee Grand Avenue Congregational Church even though he is in Carmel. During his active years in the church he was head usher. He is a contributing member of the United Armenian Congregational Church and member and

## MINISTER TO UNION APPOINTED

The Executive Secretary of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America (AEUNA), Dr. Peter Doghramji, announced the Rev. Harry Missirlian has accepted the call of the AEUNA Executive Council to serve as Minister to the Union effective September 1, 1983. Officially retired in 1982 from the active ministry as Pastor of the Pilgrim Armenian Evangelical Church in Fresno, he has been serving as the Interim Pastor of Calvary Armenian Evangelical Church in San Francisco and, more recently, was honored as the Pastor Emeritus of Pilgrim Church.

Rev. Missirlian was one of the original planners for the merger in 1971 of the East and West parent Unions into the AEUNA of which he was the first Moderator. He has been totally committed to the Christian ministry and the service of the Armenian people. His heart has always been with the youth — that is why he is always so young and full of energy. He has been an educator ever since he began teaching at the Immanuel Armenian Evangelical School in Aleppo, Syria, in 1933. In 1935 he entered the Near East School of Theology and the American University of Beirut and graduated from both in 1940 with high honors. Thereupon, he served as a Youth Director strengthening the Christian Endeavor Societies in Syria and Lebanon. He also served as Professor at Aleppo College, Syria.

Although his primary responsibility is to raise funds and strengthen the Armenian Evangelical Foundation, he has also been charged to serve as the pastor-counselor to the churches and pastors of the Union. This is in line with the Union's resolve to have a full-time executive position similar to that of the Conference Minister in the United Church of Christ. His special training in counseling and his long years of pastoral, educational, and administrative experience are among the many gifts that he brings to this office.

supporter of the AMAA for many years with his interests centered on the Child Education Sponsorship Program and Haigazian College.

To meet, to learn, to share and to feel the warmth of an Armenian in a secluded place is an experience to be cherished. Luther, thank you for granting us the privilege of visiting you and filling our hearts with pride for what you have done, what you have been, and are.

## CATHOLICOS KAREKIN II VISITS AMAA HEADQUARTERS



His Holiness Karekin II with AMAA President, Dr. George Bezirgianian (right) and Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian.

The AMAA was pleased to receive news from the Prelacy of the Armenian Apostolic Church of America that during his planned pontifical tour of the Armenian communities of the U.S., His Holiness Karekin II, Catholicos of the Great See of Cilicia, desired to visit the AMAA Headquarters on Monday, June 6, 1983. The distinguished visitor and his entourage were welcomed to the beautifully decorated Headquarters on that by Dr. George Bezirgianian, President, and the Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the AMAA and a personal friend of the Catholicos. A formal welcoming speech was delivered by the Rev. S. K. Sulahian, AMAA Board Member, who paid tribute to His Holiness as a courageous and wise shepherd who successfully led his flock during the dark days of the civil war in Lebanon. In a short address, the Catholicos praised the AMAA and the Armenian Evangelical Church for their many services to the Armenian people. "We do not nurture any alienation toward our Evangelical Brethren," said the Catholicos and pointed out that the Apostolic and the Evangelical Churches are two dimensions of the same church. He highlighted the firm cooperation that developed between the Apostolic and the Evangelical Churches during the civil war in Lebanon and noted that such cooperation strengthened the Armenian community and impressed other ethnic groups who regard the Armenians as an exemplary community



The Rev. Bernard Guekguezian, Moderator of the AEU-NA, greeting His Holiness at the entrance of the AMAA Headquarters.



Spouses of AMAA Board Members and Volunteer friends of AMAA.

with a strong spirit of unity.

All past Presidents and past and current members of the AMAA Board in the greater New York and New Jersey areas attended the reception and some 60 guests partook of a rich layout of refreshments prepared and served by the spouses of Board members and close friends of the AMAA.

## RETIRED MINISTERS AND MINISTERS' WIDOWS HONORED

An unprecedented Recognition Banquet honoring the retired Armenian Evangelical Ministers and Ministers' Widows was held at the United Armenian Congregational Church of Hollywood, California on Saturday, May 14, 1983. The Banquet, which was jointly sponsored by the AMAA and the AEUNA, was attended by close to 400 grateful believers who paid tribute to 19 retired ministers and 21 ministers' widows who had served the Lord in and through Armenian Evangelical Churches in different parts of the world. The list of the honorees included the:

Rev. Avak Avakian, Sarnia, Canada  
Rev. Hagop Chakmakjian, Fresno, CA  
Rev. Sarkis Consulian, Pasadena, CA  
Rev. Nishan Hachian, S. Francisco, CA  
Rev. H. Hampartoumian, L.A., CA  
Rev. Hovey Hovagimian, Oakland, CA  
Rev. Nerses Khachadourian, L.A., CA  
Rev. Mihran Keoroghlian, Redlands, CA  
Rev. G. Diran Minassian, S. Barbara, CA  
Rev. Harry Missirlian, Fresno, CA  
Rev. Mardiros Marganian, L.A., CA  
Rev. Youhanna Mugar, Claremont, CA  
Rev. Sarkis Papajian, Fresno, CA  
Rev. Asadour Sadakian, S. Francisco  
Rev. Vahram Salibian, Rochester, NY  
Rev. Khachig Sarian, Upper Darby, PA  
Rev. Senekerim Sulahian, N.Y., N.Y.  
Rev. Garabed Tilkian, L.A., CA  
Rev. Youhanna Toro, Pasadena, CA

and  
Mrs. Zarouhi Adjemian, Rochester, NY  
Mrs. Parouhi Agbabian, L.A., CA  
Mrs. Aznive Apkarian, L.A., CA  
Mrs. Zarouhi Antreasian, Chicago, IL  
Mrs. Grace Avazian, L.A., CA  
Mrs. Alice Baliozian, Pasadena, CA  
Mrs. Marie Bedikian, Leonia, NJ  
Mrs. Theodore Daghlilian, Indiana  
Mrs. Maritza Depoyan, Providence, RI  
Mrs. Ann Georgizian, Providence, RI  
Mrs. Necdar Gurlekian, L.A., CA  
Mrs. Gaida Hadidian, Princeton, NJ  
Mrs. Helen Hadidian, San Jose, CA  
Mrs. Rose Hadidian, West Virginia  
Mrs. Ann Kalfayan, Jew Jersey  
Mrs. Vartkes Keshishian, S. Francisco  
Mrs. Anita Khachadourian, California  
Mrs. Beatrice Levonian, L.A. CA  
Mrs. Ann Mackitar, Westchester, NY  
Mrs. Verjin Renjilian, Troy, NY  
Mrs. Maritza Yeramian, California

Gratitude is a divine grace, and we praise God for this beautiful demonstration of gratefulness for the labors and sacrifices of the honorees.



## NEW ENDOWMENT FUND ESTABLISHED



Rahel and Osanna Makanian

An anonymous donor from Massachusetts has turned over to the Armenian Missionary Association of America 100 shares of Mobil Oil stocks and requested that a fund be established in memory of donor's Mother and Aunt to be known as the "Rahel and Osanna Makanian Missionary Fund." The donor is Rahel's son.

The donor, outlining the purpose of the use of the income and future arrangements writes: "Following my Mother's death I made my Will and adhered to my Mother's strict wishes to donate my money to foreign Missions to exalt the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in foreign lands. In this connection I am happy to inform you that after my death the fund will receive annually certain percentage income from my Estate known as 'Rahel and Osanna Makanian Missionary Fund (of Aintab Turkey)' and which amounts must be added annually to augment the proceeds of the 100 Mobil annually and perpetually. . . to take care of inflation/deflation problems."

The donor's grandfather, Nazar Makanian, better known as Makan Nazar, was trained for the ministry under the very first American Missionaries like Azaria Smith and others. He supervised the construction of the first church of Aintab and became its pastor.

This anonymous donor has complied well with one of the Ten Commandments: "Honor thy father and thy mother." God be praised!

## CALVARY ARMENIAN CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH DEDICATES NEW SANCTUARY

On Sunday June, 9, 1983, the Cal-

vary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco dedicated its newly-built sanctuary at 725 Brotherhood Way in San Francisco. The event was attended by a large congregation of members and friends of the Calvary church as well as clergy and lay representatives from the Armenian churches in the area. The service which featured an inspiring program was jointly led by the Interim Minister and a number of lay leaders of the church. Other participants in the order of the service included two former ministers of the church; the of-



The Newly-dedicated Sanctuary of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco.

ficial representative of U.C.C.; the Moderator of the AEUNA; and the Executive Director, Dr. G. H. Chopourian, who represented the AMAA, led the litany of Dedication at the dedication service. The AMAA, pursuant to its policy of encouraging also the ministry of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in North America, in addition to a substantial contribution, also provided a sizable long term, low interest loan to the Calvary church for the building of its Armenian style Sanctuary.

## ARMENIAN GENOCIDE RESOLUTION REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF UCC

By the initiative of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass., Rev. Vartan Hartunian, Pastor, a Resolution regarding the Armenian Genocide was adopted by the Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ. A similar resolution proposed by the Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, New Hampshire, was adopted by the New Hampshire Conference. The proposals were reviewed in Committee of the UCC General Synod and the Synod,

convened for June 25-28, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, referred the proposed Resolution to its Executive Council for further deliberation.

The Executive Council of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, at one of its recent meetings, appointed a Task Force of four members to study the matter of the Armenian Genocide Proposal and present a resolution at the 7th General Assembly of the Union in June, 1984.

The actions taken by the Executive Council of the AEUNA and the General Synod of the UCC indicate recognition of the efforts of the Rev. Hartunian and others in bringing the vital matter of the Armenian Genocide to the attention of ecclesiastical bodies and the non-Armenian public in general.

## ANNUAL JULY 4TH PICNIC A SUCCESS

Despite the extremely warm weekend and the scorching sun, a large crowd close to 350 members and friends of the AMAA attended our traditional July 4th picnic which was organized by the Public Affairs Committee. Those in attendance, who included members and friends from as distant places as Philadelphia, Pa. and South New Jersey, enjoyed not only a restful day of fellowship, but also the traditional Armenian



Public Affairs Committee Members and Volunteers.

shish kebab dinner which has now become the main attraction of the annual event. Sincere thanks to Mr. Danny Kurkjian, Chairman of the Public Affairs Committee, and to the many volunteers who in their love for the AMAA are always ready to give of their time and energy for the success of public events.

## RON TOVMASSIAN ACCEPTS CALL TO SERVE MEMORIAL CHURCH

Through a recent communication,



Ron Tovmassian with UACC youth

the Armenian Memorial Church of Watertown, Mass. announced that the Church has extended a call to Mr. Ron Tovmassian of Downey, Calif. and he has accepted to become the minister of the Memorial Church effective September 1983.

Mr. Tovmassian, son of past AMAA Executive Secretary, the Reverend Edward Tovmassian, graduated from the Fuller Theological Seminary with an M. Div. degree in June 1983. After his ordination, which is to be held on Aug. 15, 1983, Ron and his wife Renee will leave for Watertown, Mass. to commence their ministry at the Memorial Church.

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartiest congratulations to the Armenian Memorial Church and to Mr. Ron Tovmassian for the happy arrangements, prayerfully wishing that God will bless their life and ministry together for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

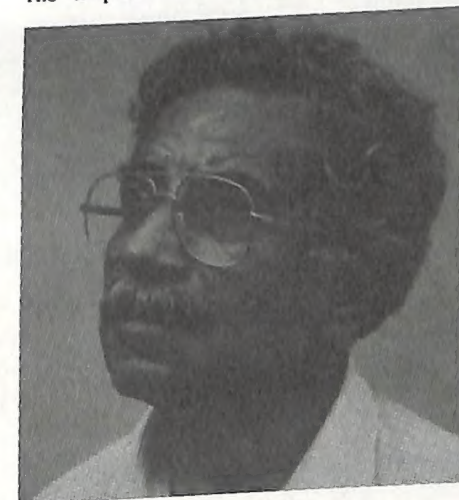
## SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER ASSISTS IN BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR IMMIGRANTS

The AMAA supported Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center of Hollywood, Ca., jointly with the International Institute of Los Angeles, is sponsoring the newly-opened Armenian Business Development Center, a non-profit agency, to assist in the development of new businesses and job opportunities for the Armenian immigrants in the Los Angeles area. The establishment of the Business Center was announced on April 15, 1983 by Senator David Roberti who was instrumental in securing State CETA funds which make the Center's services possible. Located at 5250 Santa Monica Blvd., at the

heart of the growing Armenian community of Hollywood, the Center offers special services which include business counselling on financing, taxes and licenses, marketing analysis, and advertising, as well as seminars and publications. With this new involvement in the development of small business and job opportunities, the AESSC adds a new dimension to its ever expanding services which aim at meeting the vital needs of the immigrant Armenians in the Los Angeles Area. Since its inception in 1977, the Center has served over 11,000 immigrants who have benefited from this unique outreach of the AMAA.

## HRANT GUZELIAN GIVES CONCERT IN FRANCE

Mr. Hrant Guzelian, the former Director of the AMAA sponsored Istanbul Youth Home in Turkey, recently gave a vocal performance in Marseilles, France where he settled in 1982 after his imprisonment and release by the



Hrant Guzelian

Turkish authorities. Mr. Guzelian, a well know baritone in the Armenian and Christian circles of Turkey, has been a soloist of the Istanbul Conservatory Choir for many years. His recent Marseilles Concert which was sponsored by the Association Pour La Connaissance De La Musique Classique featured classical works and liturgical chants from Armenian and European musicians.

## UACC HOLDS MISSION BANQUET

The Missions and Outreach Committee of the United Armenian Congre-

gational Church held an AMAA benefit banquet on March 19. The Banquet program was enriched with speakers, Dr. Joyce Philibosian Stein and Dr. Daniel Abdulian and with Hrant Agababian as master of ceremonies. The fine music rendered by Hagop Nazarian, Ani Kilaghbian, sisters Gasia and Janna Saatjian, and the Hope Singers, received a resounding note of appreciation by the audience.

Dr. Stepan Merjanian took over the position as chairman of the Missions and Outreach Committee when Eva Shahinian moved to Fresno. In spite of many commitments, Dr. Merjanian is cheerfully and capably carrying on his responsibilities as the leader of the Missionary activities of the UACC.

## DAN SARIAN SERVES WITH CAMPUS LIFE

Dan Sarian, a graduate of Shanandoha College and Conservatory of Music, is the first paid Director of Campus Life in Winchester, Va. Sarian, 24, organizes trips, monthly meetings, theme parties and goes to almost any length to get teenagers to hear the word of God. Campus Life, a division of the Wheaton, Illinois based Youth for Christ Ministry, involves more than 16,000 high school students Nationwide.

## TESTIMONIAL BANQUET HONORS FORMER AMAA PRESIDENTS JOHN KEYISHIAN AND VAHE ROUBIAN

Past AMAA Presidents John Keyishian, rug dealer, and Vahe Roubian, D.D.S., were honored at a special testimonial banquet given by the Etchmiadzin Lodge of the Knight of Vartan. The banquet, which was held on Saturday, June 18, 1983, at the Armenian Holy Martyrs' Church Hall, was attended by about 180 members and friends of the Etchmiadzin Lodge, who also paid tribute to Mr. Joe Chorbajian of New York, N.Y.

John and Vahe and their co-honoree were cited for their valuable contributions to Armenian community life in greater New York. All the speakers at the banquet highlighted the outstanding professional achievements as well as the dedication of the honorees to the purposes of the Brotherhood.



## LETTERS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

### FORGIVENESS FOR THE TURKS?

Dear Rev. Chopourian:

Having read some articles in the AMAA NEWS I wanted to express my opinion regarding the attitude of born again, regenerated Christians, towards the Turks. In order to forgive the Turks for what they have done to the Armenians, should we wait for them to ask our forgiveness?

Both Jesus on the cross and Stephen while being stoned, prayed, "Forgive them for they know not what they do." They did not wait to be asked and could not wait. Surely God did not forgive the killers until they personally asked forgiveness but Jesus left us an example showing that nothing blocked his relationship with God. Jesus and Stephen showed us that they had no resentment or hatred towards the killers in their hearts.

I remember my father saying that when he was sent to a very rich but Christian man in England, years ago, to explain the plight of the Armenians and what the Turks had done to them, he expected the Englishman to say, "Poor Armenians," but instead he has said, "Poor Turks, they didn't know any better."

Jesus is our example. What should be the attitude of the Armenians if they are true believers? God has allowed the Armenians to be scattered. Doesn't He expect us to forgive and be His ambassadors in proclaiming His love and salvation to mankind. What a privilege we have if we can use it well.

Ellen Sagherian  
Beirut, Lebanon

**Editor's Note:** We have no objection to stated position. It is ideal. Forgiveness, howbeit, is a personal matter. Unasked forgiveness is God-like, hence a great witness. But an individual's forgiveness has limited value in solving community and national problems. My forgiveness for the Turk, for instance, has not done any good to the Turkish population. The Turk needs to understand the dynamics of corporate and national response to the injustice perpetrated. Otherwise you and I, as forgivers, can't effectively reach 46 million Turks in a country which prohibits open christian witness. Just before World War I, the

ratio of the christian population to the total Turkish population was about 33 percent; today, it is one-tenth of one percent.

### DIALOGUE WITH THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT

Dear Mr. Chopourian:

This is to express my reaction to your article in the April issue of the AMAA Journal, "Will There Be An End?"

I think your suggestion for the creation of a national committee to plan for a dialogue or conversation with the Turkish Government is a very good suggestion and I hope you will be able to implement it.

As one who was born in Aintab (1920) and brought to America in 1921, I learned about the experiences of the Armenian people, my people, and my family, on my father's knee and my mother's lap. I cringe and begin to feel anger when I hear the Turkish Government deny that the massacres ever took place. I shudder when our own government and newspaper articles refer to "alleged" atrocities. At the same time, I deplore and detest the actions of the Armenian terrorists who must believe that they gain vengeance and justice by shooting Turkish officials. They gain neither! They serve only to perpetuate animosity and hatred, and I doubt that they advance an understanding of or good will toward the Armenian cause.

I agree with your beliefs that continuing conflict hurts both sides. An official recognition by the Turkish Government of the past crimes of that Government against the Armenian people, coupled with forgiveness, will at least set the record straight and will show all the people of the world that nations, just as individuals, can have a conscience, can acknowledge grave errors and sins, can resolve to "turn a new leaf," can be understanding, can overcome hatred, can be forgiving and thereby maintain honor and provide for the world some few guidelines for brotherhood and peace.

May you have success in this most emotional matter.

Hrayr Terzian  
Castro Valley, Calif.

**Editor's Note:** We believe our publication is seen and reviewed by Turkish authorities. Unfortunately, we have had no word of encouragement to pursue our line of thought towards a solution.

HADUNDIR BADMUVATZKNER

Dear Rev. G. H. Chopourian:

After having read the "Hadundir Badmuvatzkner" once, and some of the stories in it two or three times, I found the book written in exceptionally good Armenian and each of the stories to have a moral value for the reader.

What is interesting to me is the fact that Mr. Jedidian was my classmate for a number of years, and we graduated in 1903 from "American Missionary" high school in Sivas. I knew him well and visited him at his "Gotchnag" office in New York. Some of the facts I learned from this book concerning his private life and his willingness to sacrifice to help the needy, render the book of much more value. So for "Hadundir Badmuvatzkner" I thank the: memory of Jedidian, A.M.A.A., Hradarakchagan Hantznakhoomp and Rev. Chopourian.

Very Sincerely,  
D. Nishan, Laguna Hills, CA.

### SPECIAL NOTICE

From time to time individuals on AMAA mailing lists indicate they are not interested in receiving certain types of literature sent from the Associations' offices, and ask to stop such mailing. If you are one of those who has made this request and find you are still receiving literature, please note that since we do not have a computerized mailing system, we find it more costly to search the error (which is likely due to misfiling) than to continue mailing. Therefore, please bear with us until we catch the "misfile"; in the meantime perhaps you might pass on the literature to a friend or discard it. Thank you for understanding.

THE AMAA STAFF

IF YOU CAN GIVE US THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF SOME OF YOUR FRIENDS WE WILL BE HAPPY TO MAIL OUR NEWS LETTERS TO THEM.

## EXECUTIVE DIR. ON CALIFORNIA BUSINESS TRIP

From June 7 through 21, the Executive Director, G.H. Chopourian, was in California conducting AMAA business. Dr. Chopourian's busy schedule included his attendance at the AEUNA Executive Council Meeting, representation of the AMAA at the dedication service of the new church building of the Calvary Armenian Congregational Church of San Francisco, as well as dealing with a number of endowment and trust fund-related matters with prominent benefactors of the AMAA and visiting major supporters of the ministries of the Association. In addition to insuring the establishment of a major living trust for the AMAA, Dr. Chopourian accomplished the groundwork for three new trust arrangements now being negotiated with major donors. A few of the contacts made by the Executive Director during his California trip appear below.



The Armenian Evangelical and Brotherhood Church ministers of Greater Los Angeles — left to right: The Reverends Abraham Chaparian, Vahram Touryan, Berdj Djambazian, Jo Matosian, Vartkes Kassouni, Norair Melidonian, Rev. Dr. Krikor Halebian and Habib Alajaji. CACC Moderator, Mr. Edward Medzian with Mr. Levon Silian (left). Dr. Yeghia Babikian, President of the Armenian Bible College. Dr. G.H. Chopourian with Norman Aslan (left) and Mr. Askanaz Mackitarian of Burlingame, CA.



The Executive Director with Mr. Luther Bosnian of Carmel, CA; Mrs. Chpourian with Mr. and Mrs. D. Nishan of Laguna Hills, CA, generous supporters of the AMAA; Mr. and Mrs. Casper Magarian of Fresno, CA, who are strong believers in the AMAA and tireless workers on behalf of the Association; the Rev. G. Diran Minassian of Santa Barbara, CA who has successfully recuperated from a recent cerebral hemorrhage.

## FIELD DIRECTOR COMPLETES CHURCH VISITATIONS

With his recent visit with our constituency in Washington D.C. and environs, the Field Director, Mr. M.B. Janbazian, completed his field work itinerary for the 1982-83 fiscal year. During the past eight months, Mr. Janbazian visited all of our supporting congregations and chapters to brief members and friends on the current ministries and challenges of the AMAA. He said: "It was a real pleasure to visit our supporting constituencies in different places and enjoy the fraternal love and fine cooperation of our pastors and lay leaders. But it was a special joy and a most rewarding experience to meet so many little known yet faithful AMAA members in distant places, get acquainted with them personally and hear their words of support and encouragement." Below are some of Mr. Janbazian's contacts during his recent field trips.



Cambridge Armenian Evangelical church members with pastor Ardashes Kerbabian (1st left). Youngest Sunday School student of Euphrates Church, Providence, presenting check for \$225 to Field Director for Child Education Sponsorship; S.S. Superintendent, Mrs. Peggy Matosian, and teacher, Ara Shiragian, witness the donation. A group of AMAA Chapter Members and volunteers, Mr. Zenas Kevorkian (1st from left), the long-time and capable Treasurer of Providence AMAA Chapter.



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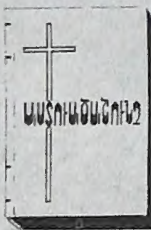
Hundreds of new immigrants are thirsty for the Word of God . . . You can be an evangelist to them from your living room . . .

GIVE A SMALL PORTION OF YOUR FINANCIAL RESOURCE TO HELP SPREAD THE WORD OF GOD

In this way you can win souls right from your living room.

The AMAA has purchased hundreds of newly revised Bibles in the Armenian language in two sizes and different colors from the American Bible Society of the Near East. We have volunteer distributors of Bibles and they will help give wings to your desire to be an evangelist while at home.

Just think of it!!! By merely writing a check you can touch the lives of many of your compatriots.



Put your desire into positive action.

BE A BIBLE DISTRIBUTOR IN ABSENTIA

Mail this coupon today YES . . .

I want to help spread the Word of God by providing Armenian Bibles to newly-arrived immigrants through your distributors. I understand the inside cover will bear the donor's identification.

Enclosed is my check of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ Bible(s) as follows:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Large Size @ \$15.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ Small Size @ \$12.00 \$\_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ New Test. @ \$ 6.50 \$\_\_\_\_\_

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Mail your tax deductible check to:  
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Paramus, New Jersey 07652

HELP 15-YEAR OLD VICKEN TO WALK AGAIN

Vicken must start a new life and develop moral courage to face the future . . . .

YOU CAN GIVE BOTH TO 15-YEAR OLD VICKEN BY YOUR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In this way you can be a source of encouragement to his father and mother (both undergoing psychological therapy) and four sisters.

Vicken's twin brother was killed in the Beirut War of 1977. In 1983 shrapnels damaged both legs — right was saved through surgery, left amputated. The Lebanon Government won't help as the family have Syrian identity papers. Family is extremely poor. The outstanding medical bills amount to \$7,000.

Consider this! If a child or grandchild of yours were in such a need would you not hope and expect that people should help?



BE A RESCUER

Use the coupon below to help us help Vicken.

My prayer and my heart go out to the young man.

Please find enclosed my check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help Vicken walk.

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Mail your tax deductible check to:  
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NEWS IN BRIEF

DAVID SHAKARIAN MEETS WITH PRESIDENT REAGAN

David Shakarian, Chairman of the Board and Executive Officer of the Pittsburgh-based General Nutrition Corporation, and a generous supporter of the AMAA, recently spent a whole day in the nation's capitol meeting with President Reagan, Senators, Cabinet figures and other Washington dignitaries.

At noon, Mr. Shakarian was the guest at a special luncheon held in



Senator Howard Baker's Conference Room in the Capitol Building, where he also met with a number of Senators and Cabinet members. In the afternoon, Mr. Shakarian had a 20-minute meeting with President Reagan in the Oval Office, where he recommended to Mr. Reagan to "get rid of the jelly beans" and use his Wilderness snack-pack instead.

Mr. Shakarian, who is a respected and well-known philanthropist in Armenian and American circles, is the founder of GNC stores, the first of which he opened in 1935 at the height of the Depression. GNC now has 1,100 retail outlets in the U.S. and Canada.

ALICE ODIAN KASPARIAN HONORED BY KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF VARTAN

On May 10, the members of the Greater Boston Knights and Daughters of Vartan paid tribute to Mrs. Alice Odian Kasparian of Watertown, Mass., as Woman Of The Year. Mrs. Odian Kasparian, a long time and generous supporter of the AMAA, was honored for her accomplishments in the professional, charitable, literary and cultural fields



Alice Odian Kasparian as well as her contributions to both the Armenian and American public. In accepting a silver Revere Bowl as a memento, Mrs. Odian Kasparian expressed thanks for the tribute and emphasized the importance of preserving our Armenian cultural heritage.

NEVART DOHANIAN HONORED FOR SERVICE TO CHURCH SCHOOL

Miss Nevart Dohanian of Belmont, Mass., a long-time, faithful supporter of AMAA ministries, was honored by the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass. for her more than 50 years of service to the Church School as a teacher. The Reverend Vartan Hartunian, the pastor of the Church, speaking of Nevart during the worship service on Sunday, June 12, 1983 said, "Nevart Dohanian is a rare example of a life dedicated to our Lord and in service of our children. For over 50 years she has taught and loved our children in the kindergarten class and in this way has prepared our children for the Christian pilgrimage."

We praise God for the dedication and service of Nevart whose wholehearted involvement in the work of the Lord is an inspiration to many.

S. WALTER KRAN, M. D. ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CRS

S. Walter Kran, M. D., a Life Member and faithful supporter of the AMAA, was recently elected as the President of the California Radiological Society. The CRS, which is comprised of 1,600 radiologists, represents 12 percent of the radiologists of the entire U.S. Congratulations and best wishes to Dr. Kran for many years of fruitful service.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

We wish to extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. JOHN AND MRS. LOUISE CHAKMAKIAN of Philadelphia, Pa. and Tucson, Ariz. as well as DR. PUZANT AND MRS. BEATRICE HADIDIAN of Los Gatos, Calif., both couples generous supporters of the AMAA, who recently marked their Golden Wedding Anniversary with special family celebrations.

It is our fervent prayer that God will continue to bless the couples with health, happiness and His divine grace.



Louise and John Chakmakian (standing) 2nd and 5th from left with their daughter Jane Casey, 1st from left; son David with wife Marty, 3rd and 4th from left; and grandchildren.



Beatrice and Puzant Hadidian (standing) 3rd and 4th from left with daughter Eileen and husband Peter Tichenor, 1st and 2nd from left; grandchildren, Razmig and Katia; son John and his wife Aza, 1st and 2nd from right. Absent from picture is Mika, a granddaughter.



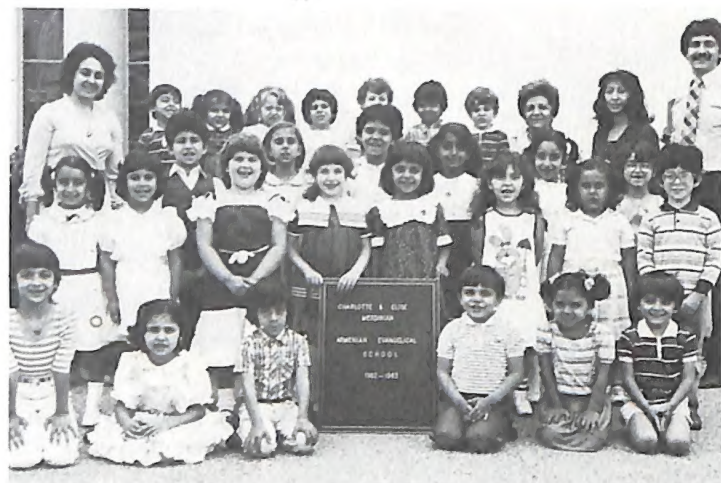
# CHARLOTTE AND ELISE MERDINIAN ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL SCHOOL HOLDS FIRST GRADUATION CEREMONY

On Saturday evening, June 25, 1983, approximately 250 people attended the First Graduation Ceremony of The Charlotte and Elise Merdinin Armenian Evangelical School of Los Angeles at the United Armenian Congregational Church in Hollywood. The school, established by the joint efforts of the Armenian Missionary Association of America and the local Armenian Evangelical leadership, particularly those of The Reverend Vartkes Kassouni and Mrs. Alice Haig, in June of 1982, had successfully completed its First Academic Year with a student body of 30, and five students graduated from kindergarten.

Upon entering the auditorium guests were greeted first by the attractive decorations which set the tone for the program. This began with a prayer by Rev. Abraham Chaparian. Mr. Sebu Tashjian, Master of Ceremonies, greeted the guests and stressed the singular significance of the occasion. He described the school as (1) The continuation of the Armenian tradition in the diaspora by establishing first the Church and then the School everywhere we are dispersed, (2) the absolute essential in protecting and projecting our national identity, and (3) the first Armenian Evangelical School in the United States of America. Mrs. Alice Haig, West Coast Vice President of the AMAA and Chairman of the School Board of Directors, introduced the members of the School Board and explained the circumstances of the naming of the school and introduced Miss Elise Merdinian, Benefactor. Mr. Hagop Loussarian acknowledged all the volunteer workers that had dedicated their time and talents during the school year.

The students, individually and collectively, made two beautiful and excellent presentations which were emotionally uplifting to all present. Their message was clear, vibrant, and radiant – We are Armenian and will remain so. Mr. Daniel Albarian, the school Administrator, awarded the diplomas to the graduates.

Mr. Tashjian, in his closing remarks, stated that this was an evening of "Happiness" and "Hope." "Happiness" be-



*The Student Body of the Charlotte and Elise Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School with school staff.*

cause the Armenian Evangelical School was a reality in L.A., demonstrating its Commitment to provide for an Armenian, Christian, quality education to our children. And “Hope” because these children are the vital bridge between us and future Armenian Generations. The program concluded with the benediction of Rev. Berdj Djambazian. It was followed by a social hour in which the spirit of hope and happiness prevailed.

You can help enhance the educational ministry of this first Armenian Evangelical School in the U.S. by establishing an endowment fund with the AMAA. The annual income from your fund will be used in your name to provide for the varied needs of the school.

Simply use the form below to show us you want to be part of this new and worthwhile ministry of training Armenian youth to recognize and appreciate their own ethnic values. More importantly to grow spiritually so that their Christian Armenian heritage will continue with future generations, to the glory of God.

I AM KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE NEWLY ESTABLISHED ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL DAY SCHOOL. RECOGNIZING AND APPRECIATING THE ETHNIC AND CHRISTIAN VALUES TO BE TRANSMITTED TO YOUTH I WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN EITHER ONE OR BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

- (1) I am enclosing check in the value of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for Administrative Expenses Only.
- (2) I would like to start an Endowment Fund with a pledge of \$\_\_\_\_\_ payable annually as an Endowment Fund the income of which only will be used for the ongoing work of the School.

Name of Fund to be Established \_\_\_\_\_

Established By: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Note:* Those who may wish to establish large endowed funds in Trust forms are encouraged to write to the AMAA Headquarters, 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 07652.

All contributions are tax-deductible.

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Մնողներին օմանք, այդ առնչութեամբ, այցելեցին  
Հայ Աւետարանական Եկեղեցու գրասենեակը: Նրանք  
բողոքի խօսքերով հարցնում էին, թէ՛ ի՞նչ կարելի է ա-  
նել, որ այդ իսլամական լողունգը վերցւի, որպէսզի  
Հայ Բրիստոնեայ երեխաները պարտաւոր չլինեն ասե-  
լու գայն: Խնդրը գեկուցեց Ազգային Առաջնորդա-  
րանին եւ Ազգային Դպրոցների Կենտրոնական Յանձ-  
նախմբին՝ այն յոյսով, որ նրանք կը կարողանան պատ-  
կան մարմինների հետ կապելով լուծել հարցը: Դժ-  
բախտաբար շարունակեց այդ լուղունգի ասմունքը  
դպրոցում:

Վեր. Մի քայլ էլեհանը, դպրոցի տեսչի՝ Հաջ Խասերյրի հետ մտերմական հանդիպում ունեցաւ եւ խնդիրը կրօնական տեսանկիւնից վերցրած, բացատրեց նրան, չեշտելով թէ՛ ճիշտ է քրիստոնեայ երեխաներին ստիպել, որ արտասանեն իսլամական այդ լոզունգը: Տեսուչը յայտնեց, որ խնդիրը բարդ է, բայց եւ այնպէս խոստա-ցաւ իր լաւագոյնն անել: Յետոյ պարզւեց, որ հարցը չի լուծւել:

Նկատի ունենալով, որ բողոքները Հանձնաժողովին հասնում են ամեն օր, չնայած նկատեց՝ Զատիկական տոներից յետոյ, վեր-  
 Միքայելեանը եւ Ծնողական խորհրդի Նախագահ՝ պրն.  
 Գուրգէն Յարութիւնեանը դպրոց գնան եւ շարքի վրայ  
 թոյլ տան, որ երեխաներն արտասանեն լողունգը:

Ապրիլ 6ի առաւօտեան գործադրեց այդ որոշումը եւ  
 բոլոր աշակերտները, Հնազանդելով հոգեւոր առաջ-  
 նորդի թելադրանքին, Հրաժարեցին արտասանելու լո-  
 ցունգը եւ իրենց ծափահարութիւններով վաւերացրե-

ցին ու հաստատեցին այդ որոշումը:

Տեսուչը, վերակացուն եւ մի քանի ուսուցիչներ՝ Հաս-  
դայրացան: Տեսուչը վեր. Միքայելեանի հակառակ  
խիստ խօսքեր խօսելով, երեխաներին թոյլ չտեց դա-  
սարան գնալու եւ պնդեց թէ առանց «Ալլահ Աբբար» ա-  
սելու չեն կարող դասարան գնալ եւ նոյնիսկ սպառնաց,  
որ դպրոցը փակել կը տայ:

Այդ օրը աշակերտութիւնը բակում մնաց:

Այդ օրը աշակերտութիւնը բաժնուս մնաց.  
 Խնդիրը գեկուցեց Թեմական Խորհրդի անդամ պրն.  
 Վազգրիկ Մանուկեանին եւ Մոսկովական Խորհրդի կողմից  
 տեղեկութիւն եւ բողոք գրեց Առաջնորդարանին ու  
 Արտաքին Գործոց, ինչպէս նաեւ Իսլամական Առաջ-  
 նորդութեան նախարարութիւններին:

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բայց զուր անցան սրա չափը՝ և  
Երեքշաբթի, Ապրիլ 18ին, Աղայը Նովոուզին, պատ-  
կան քաղաքամասի դպրոցների կառավարիչը այցելեց  
Գոշար Դպրոցը և և զասարանները՝ տեղեկություններ  
ստանալու յիշեալ եղելութեան մասին։ Յաջորդ օրը Գո-  
շար Դպրոցում մի ժողով գումարեց, որպէսզի խնդիրը  
քննութեան առնուի։ Ժողովում, վեր. Միքայէլեանը  
բացատրեց, որ խնդիրը կրօնական բնոյթ ունի և յար-  
մար չի, որ Հայ Գրիստոնեայ երեխաները ստիպւած լի-  
նեն այդ լոզունգն արտասանելու։ Միւս ներկաներն եւս  
խնդիրը լուսաբանեցին  
Նկատելի էր, որ իրարհակացողութեան եւ խաղա-  
կան հարցերի տարբերակումը։

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ներկաների բուռն ծափահարությունները և խիստ գնահատելի էլ քաջալերական էր ծնողների, աշակերտության եւ բոլոր մարմինների միաբանությունը, նաեւ՝ կառավարական պաշտոնեաների բարեացամոտիւնը :

Ամէն ով որ կը հաւատայ թէ Զիսուս՝ Քրիստոսն է, Աստուծոյ ծնած է. եւ ամէն ով որ ծնողը կը սիրէ՝ անկէ ծնածն ալ կը սիրէ:

Ճնաձևն ալ կ'ըսիրէ:  
Վասն զի այն ամէնը որ Աստուծոյ ծնած է՝ աշխարհի  
կը յաղթէ. և աշխարհն ալ յաղթուի. որ աշխարհի կը  
յաղթէ՝ աշխարհն մեր հաւատարմ: Ա. Յովհ. Ե 1, 4:

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# ՀԱՅ ԱՒԵՏԱՐԱՆԱԿԱՆ ՇԱՐԼՈԹ ԵՒ ԷԼԻՋ ՄԵՐՏԻՆԵԱՆ ՎԱՐԺԱՐԱՆԻ ԱՄԱՎԵՐՋԻ ՀԱՆԴԵՍԸ

Միամեայ տընաջան աշխատանք է մը ետք տարիներով երազուած առաջին Հայ Աւետարանական ամէնօրեայ Վարժարանին առաջին ամալերը Հանդէսն էր: Երեսուն սիրասուն մանուկներ տարի մը ամբողջ Քրիստոնէական եւ Հայեցի կրթութեամբ առողջ դպրոցական տարի մը բոլորելէ ետք հպարտութեամբ եկան ցոյց տալու Միացեալ Հայ Ժողովական Եկեղեցւոյ Ավագեան սրահը խմբուած ծնողներուն եւ բարեկամներուն թէ աւոնք արժանի էին թափուած բոլոր քրտինքին, տրամադրուած բոլոր սուղ ժամերուն եւ նուիրուած բոլոր զոհողութեանց: Անոնց թրթռացող շրթները, եռացող աչքերը, վառվուռ շարժումները եւ թռչող հոգիները ամբողջ 90 վայրկեանները գրաւեցին սրտերը 250ի հասնող բազմութեան որոնք քամուած յուզումով եւ մերթ հրճուանքով ըմբոյսնեցին իրենց հրամցուած գեղեցիկ յայտագիրը առաջնորդութեամբ փոքրիկներու ուսուցչուհիներուն Տիկին Միթիլեանի եւ Տիկին Նարկիզեանի: Յայտագրին դափնեպսակը եղաւ երբ Մանկապարտէզի առաջին հանդիսացող 5 սիրասուն մանուկներ բեմ բարձրացան, ստանալու իրենց վկայականները ձեռամբ Վարիչ-Տնօրէն Պրն. Դանիէլ Ալպարեանի: Մանուկներ որոնք հպարտութեամբ կնքուեցան ըլլալու այս հաստատութեան անդրանիկ շրջանաւարտները: Մանուկներ որոնք երթին հետ, ամսան մեծացման եւ տարածման երթին է նաեւ այս մանուկ հաստատութեան: Հայ Աւետարանական ամէնօրեայ Վարժարանի մը պէտքերն եւ անհրաժեշտութեան հանգրուաններէն յաջողապէս անցած, անխոնջ աշխատանքի, անանձնական նուիրումի եւ անսահման զոհողութեանց զօղանջներուն զբաղանքին պատասխանելու շրջանն է արդէն: Կասկած չկայ որ համայնքը ամէնուրեք ընդհանրապէս, Հարաւային Գալիֆորնիոյ մէջ մասնաւորապէս պիտի ընդառաջէ օժանդակութեան եւ աշխատանքի բոլոր կանչներուն հպարտութեան առարկան դարձնել Մեսրոպեան այս տաճարը ուր առողջ Հայ Քրիստոնեայ մարդը կերտելու իտէլալը հիմնական նպատակն է բոլոր անոր շուրջ գըտնուողներուն: Յայտագրի զանազան մասերուն մէջ իրենց բաժինները բերին Վեր. Ա. Զափարեան բացման աղօթքով, Պրն. Սեպուհ Թաշճեան, որ ձեռնհասօրէն վարեց օրուայ յայտագիրը որպէս հանդիսավար, Հոգաբարձութեան Ատենապետուհի եւ Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութեան Փոխ Նախագահ՝ Տիկին Ալիս Հայկ իր հակիրճ պատգամով, Պրն. Յակոբ Լուսարարեան գնահատանքի իր խօսքերով տարուայ ընթացքին վարժարանի շուրջ խմբուած բոլոր կամաւոր աշխատողներուն եւ վերջապէս Վեր. Պ. Զամպազեան՝ օրհնութեան աղօթքով: Մասնաւոր յիշատակութեան եւ գնահատանքի արժանացաւ Վարժարանի սիրելի բարերարուհին Օր. Էլիզ Մերտինեանը, որու իշխանական նուիրատուութիւնը պիտի յատկացուի Վարժարանի սեփական կալուածի մը գնման ֆոնտին: Յայտագրէն ետք տնօրէնութիւնը պատշաճ հիւրասիրութեամբ մը պատուեց շրջանաւարտները, ծնողներն ու հիւրերը որոնք ուրախ

եւ բարձր տրամադրութիւններով բաժնուեցան ժամադրուելով հանդիպիլ Սեպտեմբերին Վարժարանի նոր կեդրոնին մէջ: Բարի երթ Հայ Աւետարանական Վարժարան: ԶԱՒԷՆ ԽԱՆՃԵԱՆ

## ԵՐԵՒԱՆԻ ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՒՆ ԸԷՆՔԸ ՆՈՐՈԳՈՒԱԾ

Հայաստանեայց Աւետարանական Մկրտչական Եկեղեցիներու Բարեկամ Մարմինի Վարիչ-Տնօրէն՝ Վեր. Յ. Հելվանեան, 9 Յուլիս 1983 թուակիր նամակով մը կը գրէ. - Ուրախ եմ հաստատելու թէ մեր պաշտօնապէս ղրկած 100 երգարանները ստացուած են եւ նոյնպէս այլ միջոցներով առաքուած 30 երգարանները: Նոր հրատարակուած Նոր Կտակարաններէն ալ տրուած են եւ պիտի տրուին մեր Եկեղեցիին, Կաթողիկոսին կողմէ: Աւետարանական օրհնեալ ժողովներ ունեցանք հոն եւ շատ հոգիներ Տէրօջ մօտեցան այս առթիւ: Եկեղեցին պարտք չզգար որեւէ դիմում կատարելու նիւթական օգնութիւն ուղելու համար ո'չ երգարաններու եւ ո'չ ալ շինութեան համար: Վերջին երկու ամիսներու ընթացքին Երեսանի պաշտամունքները դադրած էին Եկեղեցիին պատերուն տախտակամածին եւ տանիքին նորոգութեանը համար: Ուրախ ենք հաղորդելու որ արդէն երկրորդ Կիրակին է որ Պաշտամունքները վերսկսած են: Մենք արտօնուած ենք, արտասահմանէն նստարաններ նուիրելու: Որոշած ենք երգեհոն մըն ալ նուիրել, բարձրախօսի մը հետ, Կաթողիկոսին միջոցաւ դրամական փոխանցում կատարելով: Ասոնք կը գրենք առ ի տեղեկութիւն, եւ ո'չ թէ օժանդակութիւն ուղելու համար:

## ԾՈՒՆԿԻ ԿՈՒԳԱՄ ԵՍ ՀԻՄԱ

Ծուկի կուգամ Ես հիմա, հոգւով ծառա, անօթի. Կըշտացուր գիս Բուխօսէն Կեմաց ջուրէն լոյս — կաթի. Տեղացուր ինձ երկիւմէն՝ Ման գուարթնոց կեմալի:

Ծուկի կուգամ Ես հիմա, շատ հարցերով բեռնաւոր. Տուր ինձ ոյժ որ կարեմաւ Լուծել բեռներս ամէն օր. Փարատէ վախ տարածամ՝ Լոյսով սիրոյդ երկնաւոր:

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# OBITUARIES

**Sympathies extended:** - The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, the Field Directors and the staff, all of whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sincere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, transmitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . , I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.

## ALICE ADROUNY

Submitted by Nell Johnston



Mrs. Alice K. Adrouny, wife of Professor George Adrouny of Tulane University in New Orleans, and mother of Dr. Salpi Adrouny in Milwaukee, Mrs. Sonia (Ray) Russo in College Park, Md., and Dr. Adour Adrouny in Los Angeles, passed away in New Orleans, Louisiana, on May 23, 1983. Her granddaughter Jennifer Alison Russo, was born one day before her death.

Mrs. Adrouny had been suffering from a severe case of rheumatoid arthritis during the past two years. The funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in New Orleans, with the Reverend Dr. J. Wayne Fulton, Jr. officiating. The following is the text of the tribute to Mrs. Adrouny delivered by Mrs. Nell Johnston, a longstanding member of the Church and a close friend.

Alice Adrouny was born on June 14, 1916, in Turkey. Her father, Yacoub Karamanoukian, was a prominent businessman in the City of Aintab, and her Mother, Ebrouhi, was the granddaughter of Adour Niziblian, a man well known among Armenians for his benevolences. Her family somehow survived the genocide and eventually settled as refugees in the City of Aleppo in Syria.

Alice grew up in Syria, obtaining her education in Armenian elementary schools and at the American Seminary for Girls. By her own initiative, she learned to play the piano and the organ, and for a number of years she served as organist at the Church. She also served as a teacher in the elementary school run by the Church.

In 1949 she married George A. Adrouny, a pharmacist and a teacher at Aleppo College. Some six years after their marriage George came to the United States and spent four years away from his family in order to earn his Ph.D. In the summer of 1955, Alice, George and their three children, Salpi, Sonia and Adour were reunited in Atlanta, where George was serving as a member of the Emory University faculty. Subsequently, in 1957, an appointment at Tulane Uni-

versity brought the family to New Orleans.

The institution that best nurtured her love for people was the First Presbyterian Church which the family hand joined soon after their move to New Orleans. Alice gave herself unstintingly to the Church, enthusiastically participating in various activities of the Women of the Church. In 1974 she was awarded the life-long membership of the W.O.C. in recognition of her faithful services. She was also honored by being elected President of the W.O.C. during 1979-1981.

Her enthusiasm was not limited to the Church. She participated in various activities of the Tulane University Faculty Wives. She was particularly active in the Tulane University International Students' Organization that provides host families for students coming from abroad.

She also spent time among her Armenian kinsmen in this City, teaching the elderly ladies the elements of basic English, so that they might be able to manage on their own in their newly-adopted country. She was also the spirit behind the recent organization of the Armenian Association of Louisiana.

With all these interests she managed to bring up three children who, by their professional developments, have given a good account of themselves.

The most distinctive characteristic of Alice Adrouny was her loving and outgoing personality. She was always striving in her own way, to add joy and cheer to the people around her.

## KISAG MOORDIGIAN

Kisag Moordigian was born in Los Angeles on June 21, 1907 to Nazareth and Maritza Moordigian.

Kisag, who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, was also a nurseryman in San Fernando Valley, raising azeleas. His parents were among the founders of The Gethsemane Armenian Congregational Church and he used his expertise to help his cousin, Peter, landscape the church grounds of UACC. He was married to the former Dean Peters and their home was blessed with four children: Linda Badurek, Nancy Howard, and twin boys, Kenneth and David. As a gourmet cook specializing in Chinese cooking, in addition to his native Armenian cooking, he loved to entertain.

Kisag's mother, Maritza, helped with the establishment of the Christian Medical Center Fund, first as a loan, then as a gift to the AMAA for an endowment fund for a clinic.

Kisag passed away on May 25, 1983 and a memorial service was held at the Sylmar Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints on Tuesday, May 31. It was conducted by Bishop John C. Sand-

berg. Interment was private at the Eternal Valley Memorial Park in Newhall, California.

Kisag Moordigian is survived by his wife, Dean; four children; three grandchildren: Christopher, Channing and Theodore; sisters, Helen Babikian and Myrtle McIver of Inio, Calif.; and brother, Richard Mordigan of Los Angeles.

## FLORA ISHKANIAN

Mrs. Yeranouhie Levonian of Watertown, Mass., a faithful member of the AMAA, submitted the following testimony concerning her sister, Flora Ishkanian.

"My sister Flora, who was in a nursing home for two years, passed away quietly in her sleep at night at the age of 96. She was a real Christian woman who had served the Lord beginning from the old country where she taught Bible classes in Cairo, Egypt. She was a woman who prayed throughout her life for the salvation and well-being of all people. She just flew to heaven to join the heavenly angels and sing praises to our God eternally."

The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.

* Mrs. Rosemarie William Kramer	
Miami, FL	
* Mrs. Isabel Aznagian	
Pompano Beach, FL	July 22, 1982
* Mr. Vahan Metchikian	
California	March 18, 1983
* Mrs. Emily Gazarian	
Monterey Park, CA	March 31, 1983
* Mr. Armen Ilanjan	
California	April 2, 1983
* Dr. Arsham Alemian	
Orleans, MA	April 28, 1983
* Mrs. Vartouhie Sivas	
Pasadena, CA	May, 1983
* Mr. Peter Keosaian	
Watertown, MA	May, 1983
* Mr. George Demirjian	
Laguna Niguel, CA	May 7, 1983
* Mr. John Hachigian	
Park Ridge, IL	May 19, 1983
* Mrs. Alice K. Adrouny	
New Orleans, LA	May 23, 1983
* Mr. John J. Karabian	
Fresno, CA	May 27, 1983
* Dr. Gregory Sarr	
Clifton Springs, NY	May 28, 1983
* Levon "Deacon" Zenian	
Dearborn, MI	June 3, 1983
* Mr. Hmayak Bedrosian	
Montvale, NJ	July 19, 1983

\* Memorials were designated for AMAA.



## 64TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMAA TO BE CONVENED IN BOSTON, MASS.

The 64th Annual Meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of America will convene on Sunday, October 16, 1983 at 1:00 p.m. at the First Armenian Church of Belmont at 380 Concord Ave., Belmont, Mass.

All contributing members of the Association will be entitled to attend the meeting and exercise their rights in hearing the reports, participating in the deliberations and voting for the election of the Board of Directors.

In accordance with the Bylaws of the Association, at least fifteen days before the Annual Meeting notice will be given by circular letter to all the members who will also have the opportunity to exercise their franchise for the election of Directors by mail.

As in previous years, the Annual Meeting will be preceded by a weekend-long meeting of the Board of Directors and a missions emphasis worship service at the host church.

It is the sincere hope and desire of the Board of Directors that all AMAA members will make every effort to be present at the Annual Meeting and the related activities. The fellowship and the input of all of our members are welcome.

## ADVANTAGES OF A REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST

Estate planning is not exclusively concerned with the minimization of death taxes. It is helpful to reduce legal expenses and avoid annoyance, restrictions and delays in the process called probate. For example, if an individual leaves a net estate of \$200,000, to be transferred in accordance with the terms of a Will, or by intestate succession if there is no Will and death occurs in 1983, the unified credit will exempt the estate from federal tax but there is still a significant death duty, which is probate administration. The executor of the estate would be entitled to a fee of about \$5,000 and the attorney a similar amount, plus extraordinary fees if unusual services are required.

The transfer of the estate could have been facilitated and the costs largely eliminated through the use of a Revocable Living Trust. This device is a legal paper entity to which assets could have been transferred by the donor while alive, as distinguished from an irrevocable living trust or a trust set up under the terms of a Will. Although the assets are no longer held in the name of an individual grantor they remain under the grantor's complete control. This is because the grantor retains the power to amend the terms of the trust, withdraw assets, or make any other changes, including the complete revocation of the instrument.

In summary, although a Revocable Living Trust does not save estate or income taxes, it provides an arrangement whereby assets may quickly pass to beneficiaries without the delay, cost and publicity of probate administration.

A cautionary note: it would be an error to assume that a Living Trust replaces the need for a Will. It very definitely does not. A Will is desirable if for no other reason than that some assets are typically excluded from a living trust, such as personal property, checking, and small savings accounts. These items may be willed outright to beneficiaries or can be added to the trust by means of a "pour over" provision in the Will.

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